



## HIS MAJESTIES LETTER

To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal Commissioners of Shires and Burroughs assembled, or to be assembled at Edenborough.

JAMES R.

**M**Y LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,  
Whereas We have been informed that you the Peers and Representatives of Shires and Burroughs of that our antient Kingdom vvere to meet together at our Good tovvn of Edinborough some time in this instant March by the usurped authority of the Prince of Orange, vve think fit to let you Knowv, that as vve have at all times relyed upon the faith-fulneff and affection of you our antient People, so much that in our greatest mis fortunes heretofore vve had recourse to your assistance, and that vvith Good success to our affaires, so novv again We require of you to support our Royal Interest, expecting from you vvhat becomes Loyall and Faithful Subjects Generous and Honest men, that you vvill neither suffer your selves to be cajoled nor affrighted into any action misbecoming true hearted Scottsmen, and that to support the honour of your nation you vvill condemn the base example of disloyal men, and eternize your Names by a Loyalty suitable to the many Professions you have made to Us, in doing vvhere of you vvill chuse the safest part, since therby you

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vwill evite the danger you must needs undergo, the infamy and disgrace you must bring upon your selves in this World, and the condemnation due to the Rebellious in the Next, and you vwill likewise have the opportunity to secure to your selves and to your Posterity the gracious promises vve have so often made of securing your Religion, Lavvs, Properties, Liberties and Rights, vvich vve are still resolved to perform, assoon as it is possible for Us to meet you safely in a Parliament of that our ancient Kingdom. In the mean time fear no to declare for Us your Lavvful Sovereign, vvho vwill not fail on our part to give you such speedy and povverful assistance as shall not only inable you to defend your selves from any forreign attempt, but put you in a condition to assert our Right against our Enemies, vvho have depressed the same by the blackest of Usurpations, the most unjust as vvell as most unnatural of attempts, vvich tho almighty God may for a time permit, and let the vvicked prosper, yet the end must bring confusion upon such Workers of Iniquity. We further let you knowv, that vve vwill pardon all such as shall return to their Duty before the last end of this month *incluſive*, and that vve vwill punish vvith the rigour of our Lavvs al such as shall stand out in Rebellion against Us, or our authority. So not doubting that you vvill declare for Us, and suppress vvhatsoever may oppose our Interest, and that you vvill send some of your Number to Us vvith an account of your diligence, and the posture, of Our affaires there, vve bid you heartily Farevvell. Given on board the St. Michel the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, and of Our Reign the 5<sup>th</sup> year. [1689]

*Directed*

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